

While it is impossible to comprehend and appreciate what they all went through, all just young men coming of age literally under enemy fire, I want to provide this body and this country with a small snapshot of what each Joseph brother endured and did for their community, State, and our country.

Seaman Second Class Edward Michael "Chick" Joseph, having served in the United States Navy during World War II, receiving an honorable discharge from the Navy on November 28, 1944. Ed, otherwise known as "Chick," earned the Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three bronze battle stars, World War II Victory Medal, and foreign awards of the Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze battle star.

Torpedoman's Mate Second Class Joseph Edward Joseph, honorably discharged from the United States Navy on January 4, 1946, serving in World War II aboard the USS *Aulick*. On November 29, 1945, six Japanese planes attacked the *Aulick* in the Leyte Gulf while on antisubmarine patrol, with 31 men giving their lives in defense of their ship, comrades, and country, 64 being wounded, and 1 sailor missing in action.

Anthony Joseph, United States Marine Corps, World War II, died in 1945, sadly, due to cancer.

Louis Joseph, United States Merchant Marines, World War II, serving in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Mediterranean theaters, visiting 31 countries, islands, and territories. Two of the ships Louis served on were sunk, with one sinking causing Louis to spend 17 days adrift in a raft. Louis' unit earned the Presidential Unit Citation with two battle stars. Louis used his brother Joseph's identification to enlist initially in the Coast Guard, as he was underage to serve his country.

John G. Joseph, United States Coast Guard during World War II, also served as a corporal and auto equipment operator in the United States Army during the period immediately after World War II, serving from December 1945 through December 1948, having been separated from Fort Slocum in New York.

I have been fortunate enough to know many World War II veterans and to hear firsthand their actions and experiences. Sadly, members of our Greatest Generation are dwindling in numbers, and our current generation may not know of their sacrifice and service other than what is portrayed in Hollywood or in history books.

The Joseph family should be an example to all Americans of what answering the call to service means, especially when our ideals and our values are directly threatened by tyrants and oppressors.

Their family stateside supported them while under great stress, knowing these sons of Utica, New York, were di-

rect players in one of the greatest military struggles in our Nation's history.

I am honored to represent subsequent generations of the Joseph family, who all continued the tradition of the six Joseph brothers in public service and community service.

I thank the Joseph family for their service and all of our veterans in the 22nd Congressional District and across the United States of America for their sacrifice and their inspiring service to all of us, to our country, our States, our communities.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. God bless these wonderful people who answer the call to serve.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 (a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 27 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy Lord, You have been our dwelling place from generation to generation. Before the mountains were brought forth, even before the Earth itself was formed, from everlasting, You are God.

As we pause in Your presence and acknowledge Your infinite being, we cannot help but come to grips with our own finitude and limited hold on the things of this life. So it is with humility that we offer our prayers to You, prayers that ask for Your guidance in the living of this day, Your wisdom for the choices we make, and Your forbearance when we fall short of Your intentions.

Grant us the reassurance that despite the uncertainty that hovers around us, regardless of our inevitable mistakes and missteps, that in Your mercy, You have already woven this day into Your gracious plan for us.

Remind us that You have satisfied us this morning with Your steadfast love which lifts us up, dusts us off, and sends us once again on the path You would have us go.

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. May Your favor rest upon us as You establish the work of our hands this day.

In Your sovereign name, we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's pro-

ceedings and announces to the Chamber her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ALLEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ALLEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SEYMOUR "SY" KAPLAN

(Mr. RUIZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the House passage of my bipartisan bill to designate the Palm Desert VA Clinic in memory of Seymour "Sy" Kaplan.

Sy was a decorated World War II veteran with a relentless passion for service. He enlisted in the U.S. Army at just 17 years old and served our country bravely in the 2nd Army, 2nd Corps Division. For his heroism, he earned three battle stars and two Purple Hearts.

When his military service ended, his service to our veterans began. For 25 years, Sy served as the commander of the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 78, in the Coachella Valley.

His leadership helped countless veterans find healing, community, and a sense of purpose. He also served as a member of my veterans advisory board, where I looked to him as a trusted adviser.

We lost Sy 3 years ago at the age of 95. I can think of no better way to honor his legacy than to ensure his name is forever etched into our desert's history at a place where our veterans receive quality care at the Palm Desert VA Clinic, the clinic he championed to create.

RETURNING TO FISCAL CONSTRAINT

(Mr. JOYCE of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, the inflation crisis that is being caused by President Biden's destructive policies has hurt small businesses throughout the United States.

According to a recent survey, 37 percent of small business owners were unable to pay their rent just last month alone.

These businesses are struggling because of Joe Biden's decision to put socialist priorities ahead of working Americans. Instead of supporting businesses and improving supply chains, he paid workers to stay home. Instead of returning to American energy dominance, he turned to Green New Deal policies. Instead of fighting inflation, Joe Biden proudly wasted trillions of dollars and sent prices skyrocketing.

More than 60 million Americans are employed by small businesses, and they are being crushed by these radical policies. It is time to return to fiscal constraint; it is time to stop the reckless spending; and it is time to once again support our great American small businesses.

DELIVERING TRANSFORMATIONAL INVESTMENTS

(Ms. BROWNLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BROWNLEY. Madam Speaker, from day one, House Democrats have worked for the people and passed historic legislation to address the challenges facing our country, and clearly, the American people resoundingly supported our efforts.

Democrats passed the CHIPS and Science Act that makes significant investments in American manufacturing, which is the backbone of our economy and drives job creation.

Democrats passed the Inflation Reduction Act to lower costs at the pharmacy counter, in the grocery aisles, and at the gas pump. This landmark legislation also delivers the most significant action on climate in history, while reducing the deficit.

Democrats passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to fix our roads and public transit systems. This is one of the largest Federal investments in our Nation's infrastructure and is laying the foundation for strong economic growth by creating millions of good-paying jobs.

While congressional Republicans play politics at the expense of our democracy, Democrats remain steadfast in putting people over politics, and we will continue to deliver transformational investments for America's working families.

SUPPORTING UKRAINE

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in February, war criminal Putin launched his illegal invasion of sovereign Ukraine.

His cowardly acts have resulted in the murder of thousands of Ukrainian citizens, the torture of countless others, and the destruction of civilian infrastructure. Putin sacrifices young Russians for his personal gain of oil, money, and power.

The world witnesses the daily atrocities of war criminal Putin and continues to be shocked. Congress has provided bipartisan support for President Vladimir Zelenskyy and the Ukrainian people through sanctions against Putin and his corrupt cronies.

A recent Wall Street Journal poll is significant and shows the majority of Americans continue their compassionate desire to assist the heroic people of Ukraine in victory.

America must not waver in support of victory for Ukraine over war criminal Putin and thus also help deter other would-be global invaders, such as the Chinese Communist Party against Taiwan and Iran against Israel with ICBMs against America.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF VINCENT GREGORY

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend, a former colleague, a trailblazer in our community, Michigan State Senator Vincent Gregory of Southfield, who passed away recently at the age of 74.

State Senator Vincent Gregory had a passion for public service his entire life and was known for his integrity.

He was a Vietnam war veteran, a union president, a county commissioner, as well as, again, a former State representative whom I had the honor to serve with.

In 2010, Vincent made history as the first Black resident of Oakland County elected to the Michigan State Senate. He was a strong advocate for voting rights, especially for our overseas servicemembers, and his lasting impact will be remembered for years to come.

My thoughts are with his wife of 44 years, Yvonne, and his entire family during this very difficult time. May his life and legacy serve as a testament of all we can accomplish if we lead with compassion, strength, and purpose.

HONORING SENATOR JOHNNY ISAKSON

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, it is my great privilege to rise today in strong support of S. 4359, the bill to rename the VA's regional office in Atlanta after our late Senator, Johnny Isakson. I was proud to co-lead the companion bill in the House with my colleague from Georgia, Congressman BISHOP.

Senator Isakson was a great friend and a dedicated public servant to not just me but all Georgians. Over a 45-year career in public service, Senator Isakson forged his legacy as a cham-

pion for America's veterans, concluding with serving as chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee in the United States Senate.

After graduating from the University of Georgia, Senator Isakson went on to serve in both chambers of the Georgia State legislature.

In 1983, he rose to become Republican leader of the Georgia House of Representatives, and in 1999, he succeeded Newt Gingrich as the U.S. Representative for Georgia's Sixth Congressional District, then serving as Senator of Georgia from 2005 to 2019.

Throughout his life, Senator Isakson distinguished himself as a man of character with unmatched dedication to the people of Georgia.

I am proud to co-lead this legislation to dedicate the VA's regional office in Atlanta as a living monument to his tireless work in advancing the policies that benefit our Nation's veterans.

SUPPORT THE DREAM AND PROMISE ACT

(Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, today, I rise for students. Today, I rise for teachers and doctors. Today, I rise for nurses. I rise for those who care for our youngest and those who care for our elderly and disabled.

Today, I rise and ask for bipartisan support for the Dream and Promise Act. I rise for those who have been in our country and have contributed so much.

I rise for our economy because we know that the Dreamers, if we lose them, we lose half a trillion dollars of economic benefit for our country.

If we lose our Dreamers, our labor force will be decimated because we rely and depend on them. They pay \$5.6 billion in Federal taxes and \$3.1 billion in State and local taxes each year.

If the Senate does not take action and pass the Dream and Promise Act, we will lose our Dreamers and all that they contribute to our United States of America, which we love.

Madam Speaker, I ask for everyone to reach out to their Senators and encourage them to support those who have given so much to our country.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL LAUN R. HALLSTROM

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Laun R. Hallstrom of Woodland, Pennsylvania, in Clearfield County, for his distinguished military service.

Colonel Hallstrom is retiring from the Pennsylvania Air National Guard after 36 years of service to our Nation and Pennsylvania.